Guild House Attendance

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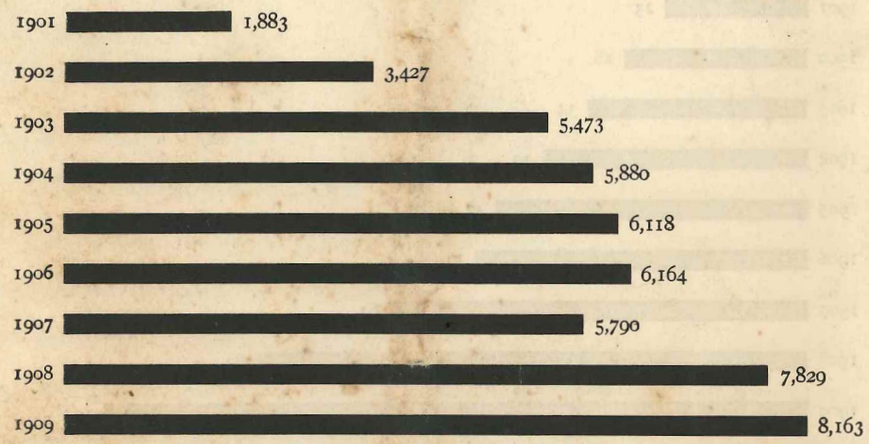

Increase of over 330 per cent.

Throughout the period, the Classes were in Gymnastics, Conversational German, Embroidery, Millinery, Dressmaking, Drawing, Modelling in Clay, Carving in Wood, Banjo, Mandolin and Guitar.

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A FOREWORD

We publish the following pages:

First, Because of the gross injustice perpetrated on a faithful, successful and very much beloved Minister of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, in the request for the resignation of R. Marshall Harrison, D.D., by the Vestry of the Church of the Holy Trinity, and the Vestry's refusal to reinstate him, although requested so to do by 622 communicants and worshippers.

Secondly, Because the reports of the work of our auxiliary organizations for 1909 were not printed in the Parish Year Book, although such reports were forwarded to the Rector's Warden three whole working weeks before the day of publication, which was the same as last year—*viz.*, the last Sunday in January. Instead thereof, last year's reports were inserted, very much curtailed, thus concealing our best year's work. We returned said books, and protested payment therefor; so that this pamphlet is needed, to bring Dr. Harrison's report of the year's work, and also his admirable summary of the work of his pastorate, to the view of our friends.

Thirdly, Because we wish all to know that our congregation is a unit in its support of so able a Pastor as Dr. Harrison has proved himself to be; that we desire his ministrations, and his only; and that we are paying his stipend, even although he is shut out of his pulpit.

Fourthly, Because we believe that the people who can develop work in such a way as is demonstrated in this pamphlet, and that in spite of continuous opposition from those supposed to give "advice and aid," are entitled to their independence.

Fifthly, Because we think it manifestly wrong for a fifty-three year old Mother to persist in carrying around in her arms a forty-seven year old Child [the Chapel work started in 1863], and to stubbornly refuse such a Child the privilege of learning to walk alone.

Sixthly, Because we would make known the inconsistency of offering independence to the Chapel of the Prince of Peace, after only seventeen years of life, when it can become self-sustaining, while withholding it from us who, as a congregation, will, humanly speaking, never experience financial embarrassment, owing to our endowment of one-third of a million dollars. Of course, the members of the Vestry of Holy Trinity are right in offering freedom to the Chapel of the Prince of Peace; and, just as much of course, they are wrong in withholding it from us. We append an extract from the report of the Minister-in-Charge of the Prince of Peace Chapel, published in the Parish Year Book of 1910:

"At a stated meeting of the Vestry, held Monday, June 7, 1909, the following Resolution was passed:

"Whereas the Prince of Peace Chapel ought in due time to become self-sup-

porting and independent of the Church of the Holy Trinity, which now owns and controls it;

"And Whereas it seems fitting that every aid toward self-support and independence should be rendered by the Rector, Wardens, and Vestry of the Church of the Holy Trinity," etc.

Lastly, Because we can confidently appeal to all right-thinking men in this matter of an unprovoked quarrel with a people absolutely satisfied with their Minister, who has brought the sweetest spiritual blessings into our hearts and lives by his God-blessed Ministry. The Gospel was never so dear to us as it has been made by his earnest preaching. The Sunday School was never so effective a force as it has been made by his superintendency. All departments of our work have felt the thrill of his inspiration.

We appeal, we repeat, to all right-thinking men to aid us, by their influence and prayers, to gain that liberty which is enjoyed by every mature offspring—that of setting up housekeeping for itself, when capable of supporting that house, either through its own labor or by inheritance.

We protest against being kept in a position of tutelage by men many of whom have not even favored us with their presence at the Chapel—men who are utterly foreign in their spirit to the interests of the people worshipping here; and we charge recreancy against those who, while holding on to the money of Mrs. Wilstach, refuse to pay heed to her preferences, expressed in the very parchment that made them its temporary trustees.

Letter of the Minister-in-Charge of Holy Trinity Memorial Chapel

In writing this, our ninth and last, report for the Year Book,* it is not vainglory, but deep gratitude, that leads us to dwell on the striking contrast between the appearance of the plant in 1901 and in 1909.

Then, the Guild House was shadeless, curtainless, carpetless, unattractive, repellent. Now, it is well-furnished, well-lighted, and thoroughly homelike; with the result that, through the admirable and untiring coöperation of the Guild House Committee, the attendance has steadily grown from 1,800 to over 8,000 per annum.

Then, the Sunday School Building had weather-stained walls; open receptacles for Bibles, Prayer Books, and Hymnals, which gathered all the floating dust; and, in the main room, narrow "horseshoe" benches that absolutely forbade anything like sociability or comfort. The cut in this book† of the same room, with its handsome adjustable oak benches, partly paid for by the congregation, presents some idea of the delightful change; but a visit would do more. On the ground floor there has been redecoration and improved lighting, with an adequate supply of fine quartered oak lockers for the Vesper Choir—a gift from two friends of the Minister-in-Charge.

The Chapel itself has been improved by redecoration; by the building of stalls for the Chancel Choir; by a chaste brass lectern—a gift from a communicant; by the installation of electric lighting, the expense being largely borne by the congregation; by the seven exquisitely beautiful paintings in the chancel niches—also the gift of a communicant; and by the installation of a magnificent pipe organ, four-fifths of the cost of which (including interest) was borne by the congregation and a friend. It is not too much to say that there is no chapel in the city, and very few churches, that can compare with Holy Trinity Memorial Chapel for beauty.

There has been, also, a corresponding growth in grace in the hearts of our dear people. What a delight it has been to watch their spiritual development! They love more than ever the glorious Gospel of the grace of God. Their solicitude for their own spiritual improvement, and for that of their offspring, is touching indeed; and no more devoted people can be found anywhere in the world.

One of the many ways in which this progress is shown is in the increase of the spirit of benevolence, the offerings in the Chapel this year aggregating nearly four times those of 1901, when our work at the Chapel began. Thanksgiving Boxes, containing dinners for individuals and families numbering from one to fourteen, have been sent out, beginning with eleven, in 1901, and steadily going up to seventy, in 1909. Christmas Boxes, of the same character, had been sent out prior to that time; so we continued that work, in 1901, by sending out

* The Letter was written for the Parish Year Book in November, 1909.
† Holy Trinity Parish Year Book for 1910.

twenty-three, climbing to eighty-two, in 1908. It is not unlikely that we shall send out one hundred boxes this Christmas (1909).*

It has been our joy to superintend the Sunday School through all the years of our ministry here; and, in that institution, a like advance has been shown, the total offerings being quadruple those of 1901. To particularize only with regard to the Lenten Offering, it shows an increase from $118, in the first year of our superintendency, to $620, in 1909. The School is, undoubtedly, in a very healthy condition; and one gratifying feature is that, when new teachers are needed, they can be almost invariably recruited from the ranks. The whole official and teaching force is a model of regularity, punctuality, and consecration. The School has made five offerings (annual) to the Organ Fund.

The Chancel and Vesper Choirs, under the care of our capable and indefatigable Organist and Choirmaster, Henry S. Fry, A.A.G.O., are continually bettering their work. The former body, because of the thoroughly devotional character of its conduct and work, is a constant source of delight; while the latter is unfailing in its labor of love, at our Sunday services, as well as at those on week evenings. Each choir has, through entertainments, helped the Organ Fund more than once.

The Girls' Guild knows no diminution in numbers or interest; but, under the gracious presidency of Mrs. S. G. Morton Maule, it carries on appropriate benevolences among children and old ladies, and never forgets a contribution toward the Christmas Dinner Fund of the Chapel.

The Woman's Auxiliary steadily enlarges its work, under the same presiding officer, sending out Lenten and Christmas boxes of clothing, etc., and also contributing cash to worthy objects.

The Young Women's Christian Temperance Union and the Loyal Temperance Legion (hitherto known as the Temperance School) are aggressively successful in their chosen work. During the past year they have dedicated a beautiful drinking-fountain, of which a cut† is presented on another page, for the public behoof. These workers deserve great credit for their unfailing persistency.

The Industrial Society cheerfully continues its doubly blessed work—blessing God's own poor, in the persons of the sewing-women, and also the institutions whose garments, etc., are cut out and made without fee or reward.

The Mothers' Meeting has made five annual contributions toward the Organ Fund, out of the proceeds of its labors and entertainments. The latter have been carried on conjointly with the Vestment Committee, whose labor of love is noted in the irreproachable condition of the official garments of the Clergy and Choirs.

The Daughters of the King are proving themselves worthy of their title; while the Girls' Friendly Society, which has made two contributions to the Organ Fund, is indeed thoroughly alive, with few but faithful associates.

The Chancel Committee is not much before the eyes of the congregation, but it does much good work.

The Brotherhood of St. Andrew is not large, but it does maintain the tone of spirituality among the men. The Minister-in-Charge has never missed a meeting of the Chapter in more than eight years, when in town, save on the occasion of two or three important engagements elsewhere; and he desires to testify to the profitable character of its gatherings.

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* One hundred and four were actually sent out.

† The cut was not printed in the Year Book, although forwarded to the Rector through his Warden for that purpose.

The members of the Ushers' Association, with only a few exceptions (and those of men living at a distance), are doing their exacting work with great fidelity. In addition to their individual gifts, they recently made, unitedly, a donation of $62 to the Organ Fund.

Very frequent mention has been made, in this summary of the work, of the contributions of the various auxiliary organizations to the fund for the indebtedness on the superb three-manual instrument that accompanies our worship; and this has been done to make clear the general interest displayed, for the offerings have been purely voluntary. Now, I am happy to state that the last payment has been made. With pardonable pride, we believe it questionable whether any parish in the city has a better organ.

We must add a word with regard to our co-laborers at the Chapel. They are unsurpassed anywhere, in their various lines. The Rev. George C. Moore is an untiring visitor and helper; while the Deaconess, Miss Emily L. Ridgely, gets more and more into the hearts of the people as the years pass. They have each been with us for five years, and the Organist and Choirmaster for six. During that time there has never been a ripple of discord between us. Taking the whole body of workers, in the various departments, they have been loyal almost to a fault. We count ourself fortunate beyond measure to have been supported by such a devoted staff of co-workers.

In taking our farewell, while lifting up the voice of thanksgiving to the blessed Holy Spirit for help and guidance in the past (despite our mistakes, which doubtless have been many), we would lift up hands and heart in fervent prayer for our gracious Heavenly Father's benediction upon those who have been our beloved people for more than eight happy years, and also upon our successor, whenever he may be chosen, through our dear Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen.

R. Marshall Harrison.

Church of the Holy Trinity
Philadelphia

Nov. 16/09

To all whom it may concern:

Rev. R. Marshall Harrison, D.D. has been in charge of Memorial Chapel of Holy Trinity Parish for the past seven years & more, & has done a good work. He desires now & rightly an independent work - & I am glad to speak in high terms of his ability as a preacher & worker & manager, & to commend him to any vacant parish. I consider Dr Harrison a very able minister. His preaching ability is of a high order. His success in Sunday School has been marked both in the Memorial Chapel & in St. Ann's Church, Brooklyn, where he was an assistant when he was called to Phila. He has advanced the condition of our Memorial Chapel in many ways, & has earned promotion to an independent work.

Hayes W. Hawkins
Rector of Holy Trinity
Parish

Some Opinions

"The congregation at the Chapel does not care for you, Dr. Harrison. Oh, yes; there may be half a dozen who are your friends,* who persuade you that all is well."—*A Vestryman of the Church of the Holy Trinity.*

"We are not satisfied with the administration of Dr. Harrison."—*Samuel Hinds Thomas, Esq., Secretary of the Vestry of the Church of the Holy Trinity.*

"There has not been the improvement that we expected.† You are a misfit¶ at the Chapel, Dr. Harrison."—*The Rev. Floyd W. Tomkins, S.T.D., LL.D., Rector of the Church of the Holy Trinity.*

Excerpts

From the Sixth Codicil of the Will of Mrs. Anna H. Wilstach, dated April 29, 1886:

"I prefer that the Clergyman who shall officiate at the Chapel shall be entirely independent in ecclesiastical work of the Chapel, as are the Rectors of other Episcopal Churches, subject for advice and aid to the Wardens of the Church of the Holy Trinity, unless the Chapel shall at some future time become an independent Church."

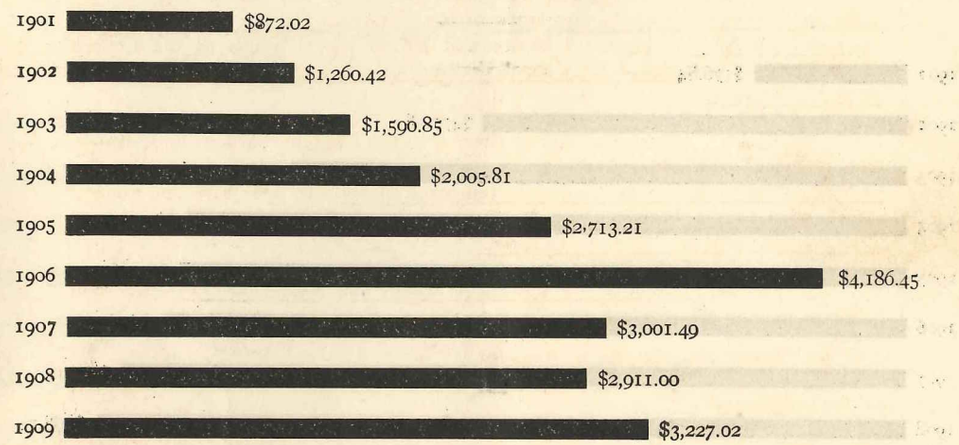
". . . . . to pay the interest thereof to the Church Wardens and Vestrymen of the Church of the Holy Trinity, who now have the care of the Chapel—so long as they continue to control its temporal affairs. If their care and control ceases, then to the Wardens and Vestrymen who shall be appointed to succeed them as officers of the Memorial Chapel."

"I prefer that so long as the present Wardens and Vestrymen live—they will continue to have the care—as they have in the past."

* See "Firstly" and "Thirdly" of Foreword.
† See succeeding tables, as well as Dr. Tomkins' letter.
¶ See "Thirdly" under Foreword, and Dr. Tomkins' letter also. *We* are not responsible for the contradictions.

Benevolences of Holy Trinity Memorial Chapel

Rate, one inch to $1,000.



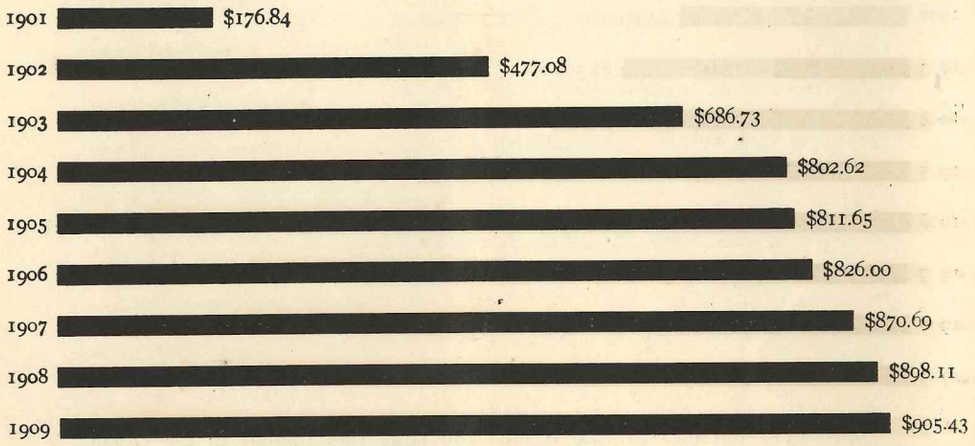
NOTE.—The offerings of 1906 include two large subscriptions to the Organ Fund, and the slight diminution in 1908 is accounted for by the panic of that year.

It should be borne in mind that these sums were raised by a congregation nearly every member of which is in humble circumstances. Very few parishes in the country, of the same age, we think, can show an increase in its contributions of more than 270 per cent. in eight years.

Holy Trinity Memorial Sunday-school Offerings (total)

While superintended by R. Marshall Harrison, D.D.

Rate, half an inch to $100.

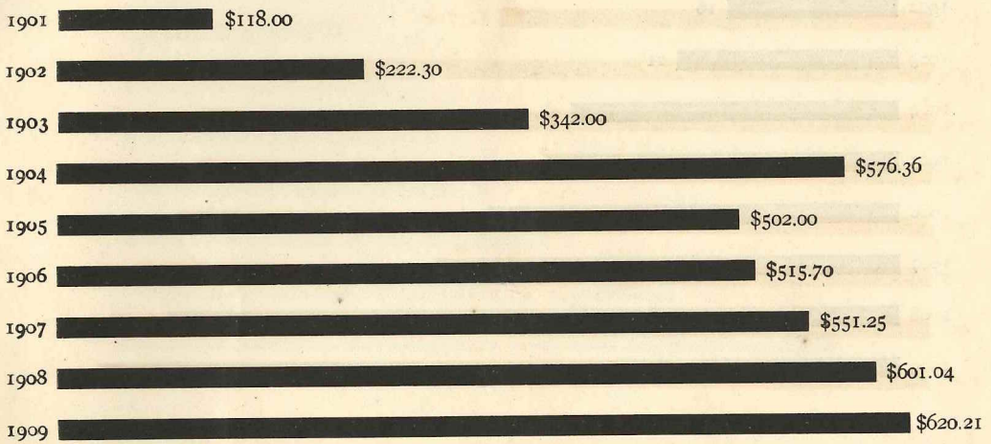


Increase, over 400 per cent.

There was keen competition, holy rivalry, between the Classes as to which would raise the highest amount. The objects helped were largely those pertaining to children and young people—orphanages, asylums, homes for crippled and defective children, "country weeks," training and industrial schools, etc.

Lenten Offerings of Holy Trinity Memorial Sunday-school

Rate, three-quarters of an inch per $100.



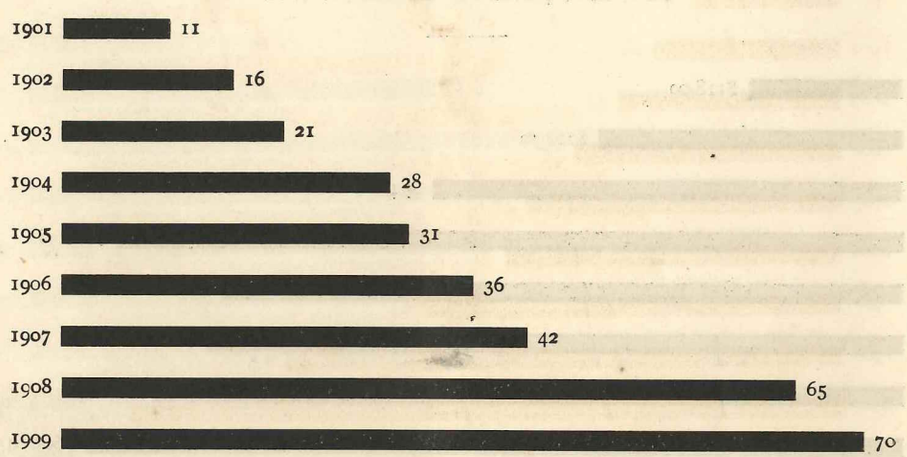
Increase, over 400 per cent.

The Teachers and Scholars showed eagerness and inventive genius in amplifying their offerings.

Thanksgiving Day Dinner Boxes

The smallest contained sufficient for a good meal for six persons, and the largest twice as much, of poultry, vegetables, fruit, etc.

Rate, five-eighths of an inch for ten.



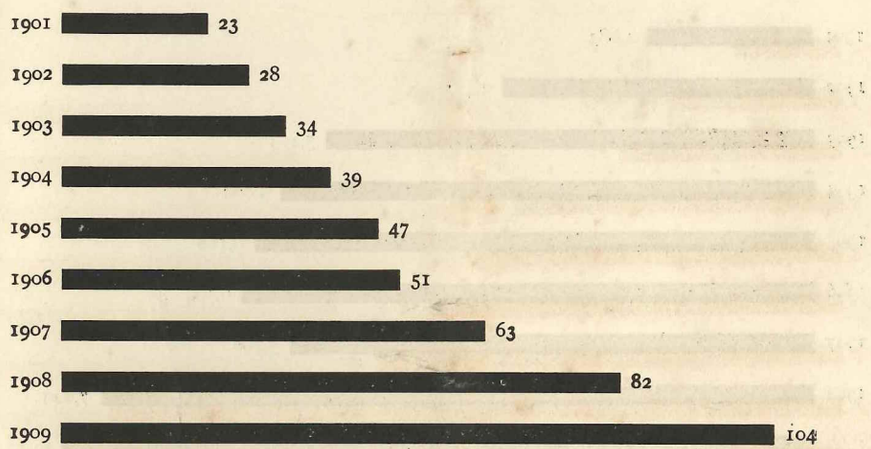
An increase of considerably over 500 per cent.

The letters acknowledging the receipt of these boxes are among the tenderest epistles ever written, and justify the care taken in the investigation of all cases.

Christmas Dinner Boxes

These were similar in every respect to those sent out at Thanksgiving.

Rate, three-eighths of an inch for ten.



An increase of over 350 per cent.

The Christmas boxes for 1909, in the aggregate, contained meals for 800 people, and were delivered at the homes of the needy and worthy, irrespective of creed, except that preference was, of course, given to the poor communicants of the Chapel.